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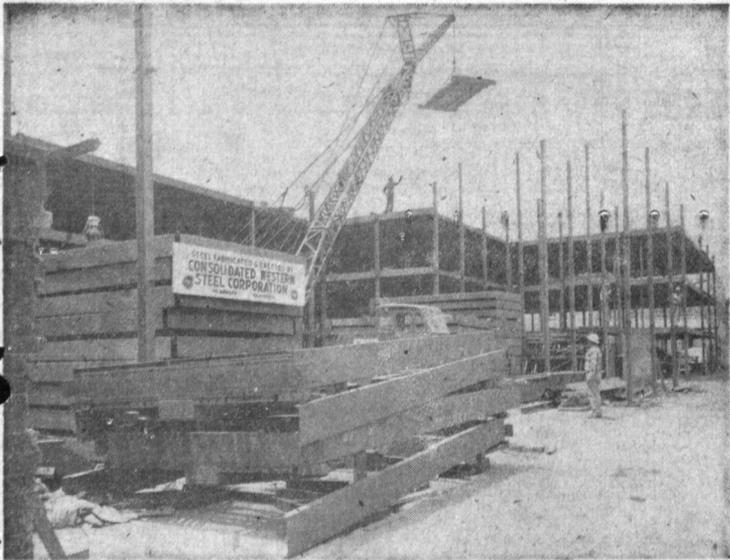
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**PARKING ANSWER . . .** Shown above, in construction stages, is an all-steel parking lot at 436 North Bedford Drive in Beverly Hills. The structure will accommodate 412 cars when completed, about the same number which can be accommodated in the entire downtown Torrance parking area. It is on a lot which formerly parked about 100 autos. Consolidated Western Steel Corp. workers guide a steel section in place on the structure when photo was taken.  
—Los Angeles Times photo

## Need \$2 Million for Water Bonds

That the proposed water bond issue of \$1,500,000 would be insufficient to meet the needs of the fast-growing community of Torrance was claimed this week by William Stanger, retired water superintendent.

Stanger said that the proposed bond issue would be enough to actually build only one reservoir of 10,000,000 gallons for Torrance. Two reservoir sites are allowed for in the plans. All three districts together use about 6,000,000 gallons of water per day.

Stanger added that a bond issue of \$2,000,000 could cover the needs of the district. Two reservoirs, each holding 10,000,000 gallons of water could then be built, thus giving the districts a "safety" margin of water storage.

**PRESENT STORAGE**  
The district, at present, has only a 2,000,000 water reserve, which in case of emergency, would be insufficient to supply all of Torrance for even one day. That the larger bond issue would also effect insurance rates, to the advantage of the district, was also stressed by Stanger.

He said, "As yet, no one has bothered to look into how much the relative rates of insurance for the bond issue would be."  
The water board held a meeting last Friday morning and was (Continued on Page Seven)

## Beverly Hills Builds New Type Parking

Solution to the parking problem of any congested area is seen in the new all-steel parking lot now being constructed in Beverly Hills by the Multi-Deck Corporation.

The new four-story structure, fabricated by Consolidated Western Steel Corporation, a United States Steel subsidiary, will accommodate 412 automobiles (practically as many as can be parked at one time in all the curb space in the Torrance Central Traffic District).

It is being built at a cost of \$385,000 (approximately the amount of surplus in fund balances the City of Torrance had on June 31, 1951).

According to Ralph Austrian, second vice president of Multi-Deck Corporation, builders of the all-steel, four-story parking lot (pictured elsewhere on this page), the structure occupies an area which previously could accommodate only 100 automobiles.

Estimates of the available area in the Torrance "Central Traffic District" indicate that there are less than 500 curb-parking areas.

**PARKING ANSWER**  
Such a structure as this being (Continued on Page Seven)

## HOODWINKING (An Editorial)

Who's kidding who?  
A representative of another newspaper, which has not seen fit to inform its readers of the parking meter ordinance has been spreading the story that "The ordinance does not necessarily mean parking meters will be installed."

"All it means is that a parking authority shall be created. It does not mean meters will be installed right away."

Either this newspaper man does not know anything about the ordinance adopted for the first reading by the City Council on July 24, or else he wants to close his eyes to it, and the eyes of others.

The Press has a copy of the ordinance on its counter for public inspection. Representatives of our contemporary newspaper are welcome to examine it if they desire. Otherwise, they can see the copy of the ordinance in the office of the City Clerk. It is spread on the minutes of the City Council as well.

The ordinance certainly does provide for installation of parking meters; it fixes the "central traffic zone" in which they will be installed; it provides for the fees, fines for violation, frequency of installation and every other necessary feature to legalize installation of the meters.

The ordinance DOES NOT create a parking authority. It does say that the funds from the meters, that is the money left after they are paid for and expense of maintenance is taken out, shall go to a parking authority to be used exclusively for purchase of off-street parking areas.

A resolution creating the parking authority, by appointment of the Mayor, has been written, but it has not been adopted. But the parking meter authority HAS BEEN ADOPTED for the first reading.

## New Board Members of Employers Group Told

Pursuing a policy of creating greater community interest in the Harbor Area Employer's Council, the Board of Directors has amended the by-laws of the corporation to increase the directorate to 25, and the following have been named to the Board.

Louis Arbetter, Allen Jewellers, Torrance; J. N. Blake, Robertson & Blake Hardware, Gardena; Clyde Dunlap, Jr., Dunlap's Department Stores, San Pedro and Compton; J. A. Eichhorn, Floyd Stationery Co., San Pedro; Harold L. Hall, Hall's 5 & 10c store, Lomita; K. V. Harrison, Harrison's Market, Gardena; Sam Levy, Sam Levy's Department store, Torrance; Frank R. Moore, San Pedro business property owner.

Six more directors will be named from the various communities to bring the strength up to 25, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the group, and their election will take place at the meeting of the board on September 5, 1951, in Palos Verdes Country Club where the group will meet for lunch.

**PRESENT BOARD**  
Present board members also include the following who have served for almost three years: A. J. McCown, president; McCown Drug Stores, Inc.; Harry M. Carr, San Pedro real estate man who is secretary treasurer; H. W. Smith, A-1 Photo Service Inc., vice president; J. C. Caldwell, Caldwell's Department (Continued on Page Seven)

## Families Flock To Torrance

Hundreds of families are looking for homes in and around the Torrance area, according to W. J. Keberlein, of Walters Investment Co., 7400 S. Hobard Blvd., in Los Angeles.

Keberlein placed an ad in the Torrance Press advertising homes for vets and non vets. Within a few short weeks, Keberlein had sold all of his homes, many of them directly from the small ad in the Press.

His cost was small, and so is yours when you advertise in the Press; 15 words in the classified section costs only 60c. So use the Press classified regularly to rent that extra room; sell that no longer useful item; or find that part time job.

Use the classified! Other people may be advertising just the thing you've been looking for.



JACK DABBS

## Chairmen of Red Feather Drive Named

Chairmen for the Community Chest Drive in Torrance were named this week by city chairman, Jack Dabbs at an organizational meeting held last Thursday afternoon, August 2, at the Community Chest Headquarters, 1103 Sartori avenue.

The following appointments were made: Don Armstrong and Dick Miller, vice-chairmen; Sam Levy, commerce and industry; Paul Diamond, business; Bob Haggard, advance gifts; Dean Sears, co-chairman of advance gifts and business; Mrs. B. T. Whitney, residential; and Dr. J. H. Hull, schools.

Dabbs said that the high point of the local drive will be held towards the end of the month of October.

**COOPERATION NEEDED**  
Stressing the need for full cooperation from all the people of Torrance, Dabbs expressed appreciation to all those who have volunteered to carry this drive through to what he hopes will be a successful end.

Dabbs, who resides at 1640 Juniper ave., Torrance, is manager of the theatres here.

## Local Family Among Injured In Bus Crash

Three Torrance people were among the 19 injured early Monday when a Los Angeles-bound Greyhound bus collided with a butane truck 20 miles south of Bakersfield on Highway 99.

Those injured from Torrance were Frank Jr., Minnie and Frank Sanchez.

The accident occurred on the downgrade north of Grapevine grade at 5:30 a.m. Three ambulances from Bakersfield and one from Lebec collected the injured from the roadside where they were receiving treatment from motorists who had stopped to render aid. The bus and truck were badly damaged. The butane did not catch fire. All the injured were brought to Kern General Hospital for treatment.

**FINANCE OFFICER**  
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## Vote by People to be Demanded

Referendum petitions calling for an election on the question of installation of parking meters in Torrance will be circulated as soon as legally possible if the City Council adopts the parking meter ordinance for its final reading.

This announcement was made by Albert Isen, attorney, business man and property owner, representing a group of citizens working against the parking meters.

The Council has adopted the ordinance for its first reading.

A group of merchants and citizens will attend the meeting of the City Council on August 14 to try and kill the measure.

If adopted, the ordinance will provide for installation of parking meters in the downtown shopping center, from Torrance boulevard to Carson street, and from Cabrillo avenue west to Torrance boulevard.

**ISEN STATEMENT**  
"Parking meters will stifle Torrance commercial district," Isen declared in discussing the issue.

"The town is not ready for parking meters; we do not need parking meters and we do not want parking meters," he continued.

"The City Council ought to take notice of the people who do not want parking meters."

"The people pay enough taxes and there are enough wide open spaces in Torrance so that we do not need to raise funds for parking lots."

"The Council will make Torrance a 'barren prairie' if they install parking meters. It will be a joke."

"I do not know who is sponsoring the idea of installing parking meters in Torrance. Whoever they are, they do not have the interests of Torrance at heart. I do not know why (Continued on Page Seven)

## Terminal Is. Activities to Be Doubled

Terminal Island naval shipyard activities will be doubled during the next fiscal year by the Navy, it was indicated last week by testimony during House appropriations subcommittee hearings on the naval budget.

According to Navy estimates, \$6,960,600 will be spent at the Terminal Island yard for maintenance alone during the fiscal 1952, compared with the \$2,890,970 spent to maintain the yard when it was idle during fiscal 1950.

The Navy also estimated that it will have spent \$5,618,000 on the yard during the last fiscal year to get it back in shape for active duty.

**SEA ENCRoACHMENT**  
Much of the money spent at the Terminal Island yard during the last year and a half has been for dikes and seawalls to protect the vital yard from sea encroachment.

According to testimony given before the subcommittee by Rear Adm. Homer N. Wallin, chief of the Bureau of Ships, the navy plans to double the amount of (Continued on Page Seven)

## Legion Post Installs Officers Sat. Night

Two hundred or more well-wishers and guests are expected to be on hand for the 31st annual installation of officers of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post at the Border avenue home of the Post on Saturday, August 11th, at 8 p.m.

Robert R. Faren, a veteran of the first World War, and an employee of the City of Torrance, will accept his gavel of authority as the new commander from James Parks, outgoing commander of the post. Harry Green will succeed Robert Sleeh as first vice commander. Green is associated with the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.

Stanley Heiman, a dental technician, and junior governor of the Moose lodge, will follow Joseph Platt in the office of second vice commander. Platt has accepted the office of adjutant in the new administration.

Post entertainment and civic planning for the coming year will be supervised by Heiman.

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## Commuter Bus Fare Increases Effective Aug. 16

An increase of prices on four classes of commutation tickets for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines will be effective August 16, it was announced by Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent.

The present \$1.65, \$2.10 and \$3 books for 10 rides are to be increased by 15 cents. The \$2.50 book is to increase by 20 cents. There is to be no change in the cost of the \$1.35 book.

The adjustment will give the commutation plan a flat 10 per cent reduction under the cost of 10 individual fares.

## Local Cleaners Win in Suit Against State

The Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, who operate the store at 1530 Craven's Avenue, won their price war last Wednesday, August 1. In a test case by the local dry cleaner the State minimum price law for the dry cleaning and dyeing industry has been ruled unconstitutional by the Second District Court of Appeal of California. In the action brought by the State Board of Dry Cleaners against the Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, Inc., operating a chain of cut-rate dry cleaning stores including the local establishment, and Prosperity Cleaners, Inc., cut-rate wholesale dry cleaners, of 1701 North Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, represented by Miss Adele I. Springer, noted New York and Los Angeles attorney, the decision of Superior Judge Clarence M. Hanson was affirmed by appellate Presiding Justice Minor Moore and Associate Justices Marshall F. McComb and Emmet H. Wilson today.

**47% Month Gain in Postal Receipts Shown This Year**  
A gain of 47.1% in postal receipts was shown for July, 1951, over July of 1950, according to Torrance Postmaster Clara Conner.

Postal receipts for last month totalled to \$17,122.97, while those for July, 1950, were \$11,635.49, showing an increase of \$5,487.48 for the month this year above last year.

**CHARGES**  
The cleaning establishment, charging restraint of trade and interference with the free competitive system, successfully fought the State's endeavor to force them to increase their minimum price from 69 cents to \$1.00.

Fred Alger, president of Pro- (Continued on Page Seven)

## 1c Boost in Milk Prices Now Effective

A 1c boost in milk prices became effective yesterday, August 8, according to Ben Cluff, local dairyman.

The State Bureau of Milk Control announced August 1 that the Office of Price Stabilization approved the increase granted on the request of dairy farmer producers because of the 33% increase in the price of hay since Jan. 1, 1951.

The new prices are as follows: store, 20 1/2 ct.; distributor, 21 1/2 ct.; and cash and carry, 18 1/2 ct.

Cluff wished to emphasize that distributors will not pocket any of the increase. "The increase will go 100% to the farmer to compensate for his higher production costs," said Cluff.



**IN A HUDDLE . . .** over plans to take 150 Torrance boys to the L.A. Times Charity Benefit football game, the L.A. Rams vs. Washington Redskins, 8:30 p.m., August 15, are (left to right): Frank Carpenter, director of recreation; Elmer "Red" Moon, athletic director, and Marvin Goetsche, Jaycee boys work committee chairman. The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event by furnishing transportation and supervision with the cooperation of the Torrance Recreation Department, which is furnishing the boys. —Torrance Press photo



**MOCK LANDING . . .** Company A, 578th Engineering Battalion, are shown unloading from Landing Craft Utility's during recent mock landings near Hachinohe, at Honshu's Chigasaki Beach, near Yokohama. The company, stationed in Torrance before being called into active service last September, is now in training. —U. S. Army photo